

Factsheet: Top jobs in demand

Jobs in Demand Employer Survey¹

7 April to 17 July 2020

Recruitment activity has varied since April

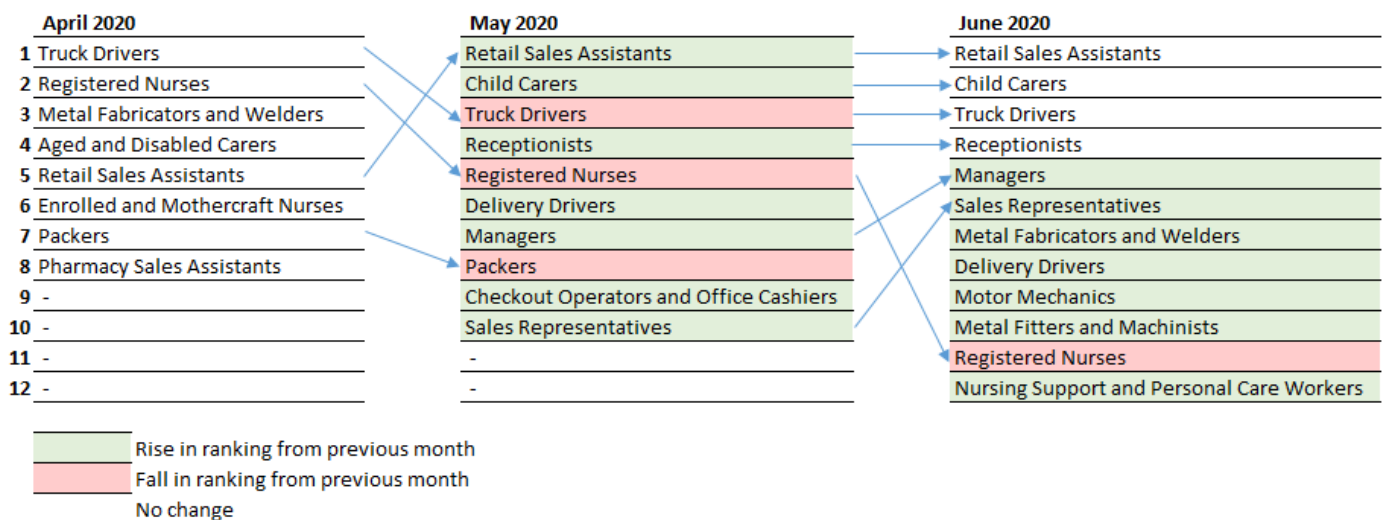
The proportion of businesses recruiting nationally has increased since the beginning of April (up from 7.7%, to 16.8% in the week to 17 July 2020). There are, however, recent signs of weakening recruitment activity in some areas. In Victoria for instance, the proportion of businesses recruiting decreased over the first half of July (down from 21.5% at the beginning of July, to 15.3% in the week to 17 July), which, in large part, is likely to be due to the increased restrictions.

The top jobs in demand have changed over time

In April, two of the top four occupations in demand were health related (Registered Nurses, and Aged and Disabled Carers). Enrolled and Mothercraft Nurses and Pharmacy Sales Assistants were also in high demand.

By June, the top occupations in demand were more in line with the workers needed by the businesses able to re-open after the relaxation of COVID-19 restrictions across the majority of the country. For example, Retail Sales Assistants and Child Carers were the top two occupations in demand. Receptionists, Managers and Sales Representatives were also among the top ten occupations in demand in June.

Figure 1: Top occupations in demand



Source: NSC, *Jobs in Demand Employer Survey*, April 2020 to June 2020

¹ The Jobs in Demand Survey targets businesses that operate in industries that are likely to be currently experiencing relatively strong demand for goods and services. The five industries targeted in this research are Health Care and Social Assistance; Transport, Postal and Warehousing; Manufacturing; Retail Trade; and Wholesale Trade.

The occupations difficult to recruit have remained relatively consistent

From April to June, Truck Drivers, Metal Fabricators and Welders, and Metal Fitters and Machinists remained in the top five occupations that employers were having difficulty recruiting. In June, in line with the changing occupations in demand, employers also commonly mentioned difficulty recruiting Child Carers, Managers and Receptionists.